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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-85 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-27,31-37,45,50,51 and 55-85 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 28-30,38-44,46-49 and 52-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/23/06
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner acknowledges receipt of response to election requirement filed 10/19/06 and IDS filed 10/23/06. Claims 1-85 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group III, claims 28-30, 38-44, 46-49 and 52-54 in the reply filed on 10/19/06 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that a combined search of five groups does not impose undue burden on the examiner. This is not found persuasive because the polymer of Group III can be made by materially different process from the processes of Groups I and II and the polymer of Group III differs from the polymer of Group IV and the compound of Group V as has been previously stated. Therefore, restriction/election requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Therefore, claims 1-27, 31-37, 45, 50, 51 and 55-85 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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3. Claims 28-30, 38-44, 46-49 and 52-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harris et al. (US 5,672,662).

The elected species is pegylated ortho ester.

Harris discloses preparation of pegylated polymers in which the PEG has molecular weight of 3400, 3350 (at least Examples 8-11); the pegylated esters are end protected with methoxy groups (abstract). The molecular weight of the PEG meets claims 46-48. The pegylated ester product meets claims 28-30. The PEG component meets claims 38-40 and the protection with the methoxy group meets claim 41-44. Thus Harris meets the designated claims.

4. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blessing M. Fubara whose telephone number is (571) 272-0594. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Monday to Thursday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blessing Fubara".